



Docket No. 1232-4396US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Shigeo SUZUKI

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For: TRANSMITTING METHOD, RECEIVING METHOD, TRANSMITTING  
APPARATUS, RECEIVING APPARATUS, TRANSMITTING SYSTEM AND  
MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time are being filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.